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To Whom It May Concern:

We are contacting you from West Idaho Orthopedics and the Boise Valley. We have concerns with the process for getting authorization for Celebrex prescriptions for our Medicaid patients. We realized that most of our Medicaid patients are in the younger portion of our patient population. With this, it is understood that Celebrex is not a needed medication in many cases. It is true, however, that some patients truly require a COX-2 inhibitor such as Celebrex due to specific contraindications or failure of prior medications. It is in these patients that we find frustration with need to acquire prior authorization to get this prescription filled. Per Medicaid regulations, the patient is not able to be seen and covered at our office until first being evaluated by their primary care practitioner. With this step-by-step approach being a requirement, the patients that we see for the most have tried multiple medications and/or treatments without success. Again, this is why they have been referred from their PCP.

Sincerely,

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